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SUBJ: HILTON HOTEL IN LIBREVILLE

REF: A. USDOC WASHDC 13480

B. LIBREVILLE 1422 AND PREVIOUS

1. ACCORDING TO RECENT LOCAL NEWSPAPER ARTICLE, ONE OF TWO NEW HOTELS BEGUN IN LIBREVILLE DURING DECEMBER WILL BE MANAGED BY "HILTON INTERNATIONAL." (SECOND HOTEL WILL BE MANAGED BY FRENCH FIRM NOVOTEL.)

2. IN VIEW UNFORTUNATE HISTORY OF "SHERATON AFFAIR" (REFTELS), EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE USDOC CHECKING WITH HILTON HEADQUARTERS AND ADVISING US RE ACCURACY OF LOCAL REPORTS TO EFFECT THAT FIRM WILL MANAGE LIBREVILLE HOTEL.

3. FYI: NOVOTEL-MANAGED HOTEL IS BEING BUILT ON SITE ORIGINALLY HELD BY GENERAL SYSTEMS GABON, AND ON WHICH SHERATON WAS IMPROPERLY ADVERTIZED LOCALLY AS FUTURE OPERATOR. GENERAL SYSTEMS GABON HAS SINCE BEEN THROWN OUT OF GABON FOR "SHADY DEALINGS" AND SHERATON HAS CLEARED ITS NAME WITH GOG THROUGH SUBSEQUENT VISIT OF REPRESENTATIVE FROM BRUSSELS OFFICE, BUT EPISODE HAS LEFT BAD TASTE WHICH WE WOULD NOT WANT TO SEE REINFORCED BY REPEAT EXPERIENCE INVOLVING HILTON. END FYI. STEIGMAN

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